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1. HEW HAS PROVIDED DEPT. WITH EXCHANGES OF TELEX MESSAGES MARCH 8 WITH SOVIET MINHEALTH IN WHICH SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT DEPART FOR US MARCH 10 AS SCHEDULED UNLESS ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION RECEIVED VISAS. WHILE IT WAS AGREED TO POSTPONE TRIP AND THAT HEW WOULD PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE DATES SOON, NO RPT NO MENTION WAS MADE OF FACT THAT NOVIKOV WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED VISA TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION TO US. DEPT'S DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO AUTHORIZE VISA FOR NOVIKOV BASED ON HIS ACTIVITIES IN US DURING EARLY 1960'S WHEN HE SERVED AT UN. HIS ACTIVITIES LEAVE NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT HE ACTED AS INTELLIGENCE AGENT. AS EMBASSY AWARE, NOVIKOV WAS VISAED IN MARCH 1973 TO PARTICIPATE IN
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SECOND JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING. FACT THAT NOVIKOV'S

NAME WAS IN VLOB AT THAT TIME WAS OVERLOOKED AND DEPT SECURITY CHECKS FAILED TO REVEAL EXISTENCE OF EXTENSIVE FILE ON NOVIKOV'S EARLIER ACTIVITIES.

2. HEW HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. OLEG SHCHEPIN, MINHEALTH, BEGIN TEXT: DR. RALL, NIEHS, REGRETS POSTPONEMENT DELEGATION AND HOPES ARRIVAL CAN BE MARCH 20. VERY IMPORTANT THAT MEETING OF LEADERS

REMAIN AS SCHEDULED MARCH 25-27 IN NORTH CAROLINA. PROPOSE DELEGATION VISIT CINCINNATI MARCH 21-27, TRAVEL TO NORTH CAROLINA AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ON 23 OR 24. VISITS TO OREGON, ATLANTA AND NEW YORK WILL BE RESCHEDULED AS SOON AS LENGTH OF STAY CONFIRMED. DELEGATION SHOULD PURCHASE TICKETS ONLY TO AND FROM NEW YORK. NIEHS WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK. DR. RALL HAD PLANNED TO MEET DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET ON 20TH. HOWEVER, DR. NELSON WILL MEET. WILL SOVIET PROGRESS REPORTS BE FORWARDED PRIOR TO DELEGATION ARRIVAL? PLEASE CONFIRM ARRIVAL DATE AND DESIRED LENGTH OF STAY ASAP SO ITINERARIES CAN BE RESCHEDULED. DR. RALL LOOKS FORWARD TO USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE SESSION. END TEXT.

3. IN DELIVERING MESSAGE TO SHCHEPIN, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO URGE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT NEW DATES. AT SAME TIME, AND AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, DEPT. BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO LET SOVIETS KNOW THAT NOVIKOV INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGES UNDER HEALTH AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES IN US. THIS POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH POSITION DEPT. HAS REPEATEDLY TAKEN WITH SOVIETS THAT PERSONS OF INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND SHOULD NOT BE PROPOSED BY SOVIETS IN EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES UNDER SPECIALIZED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

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